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The Corbin Times "Or Shame on You Finley"

In a recent issue the Corbin Times printed an article headed: "Shame on you, Finley."

In that article The Times undertakes to take Chas. Finley and The Whitley Republican to task for an article which had recently appeared in the columns of this paper under the heading: "An Amusin' Little Cuss."

Of course nobody who knows Little Crit's habit of writing and printing and paying for newspaper articles puffing and blowing himself—has any doubt as to who wrote the article. "Shame on you, Finley."

But just because the editor of The Times assumes the responsibility for that article and is allowing his paper to be used as a squirt gun by Little Crit we are going to ask him some questions.

Is it not a fact that in the county campaign four years ago The Corbin Times started out for Little Crit for County Attorney?

Is it not a fact that in its issue of May 9th, 1913, it printed an article at the top of its first column on the front page headed, "J. C. BIRD" and which began as follows: "In this issue of The Times is the announcement of Hon. J. C. Bird for the Progressive nomination for County Attorney of Whitley county. No announcement for county office has been made or will be made that will meet with more hearty approval by the good citizens of Corbin than this announcement." And which closed as follows:—"The Times takes a great deal of pleasure in placing his name before the voters for their consideration?"

Of course everybody knows that Little Crit wrote that puffing and blowing. That is his habit.

But isn't it true that before that campaign closed The Times was opposing Little Crit with all its might and printing in its columns articles assailing little Crit's record just like the article which caused it to say "Shame on you, Finley," which article it copied from the columns of The Whitley Republican?

If it is shameful for the Whitley Republican to print such articles, now what was it for The Corbin Times to copy them?

Why didn't it say "Shame on you, Finley," then?

Why didn't it say "Shame on you, Corbin Times," too?

Has it taken The Times four years to find out how shameful it is?

Is that the reason? Or is there another and more substantial one?

Is it, or is it not, a fact that the candidates on the Republican Ticket in that campaign handed over to The Corbin Times \$600.00 in cold cash?

If they did, who got that money? Did the editor of The Times?

And if he did, was that the reason The Times stopped supporting Little Crit and went to copying articles from The Republican in opposition to him?

Is Little Crit who thinks he is running for Circuit Judge of this great District the same Little Crit whose record The Times assailed so bitterly four years ago?

Were the things it printed about him true?

If they were true then aren't they just as true now?

If they were not true, why did The Times print them?

Six-hundred dollars, or six-hundred thousand dollars, wouldn't tempt The Times to print an article against a man if it were not true, would it?

If the articles printed in The Times in 1913 concerning Little Crit were true then they are still true are they not?

And if they were true then and are still true, will The Times please explain to the good citizens of this District why it is supporting Little Crit for the high and exalted office of Circuit Judge?

Just in order to refresh The Times' recollection, as the lawyers sometimes say, we will ask if its editor said to Hon. J. C. Lay, of Corbin, that his reason for supporting Little Crit is that should Little Crit be elected The Times would get the county printing?

When The Times has prayerfully considered and truthfully answered all these questions we are willing for the good people of this county and District to say whether should it be "Shame on you, Finley," or shame on somebody else.

That is what it is doing now. And it has turned neither to the right nor the left.

The editor of The Whitley Republican has not sought office either for himself or kinsfolks, though often urged to do so.

"Nobody suspected either The Whitley Republican or its editor of being for sale."

Neither of them has ever asked or ever received a single brownie in money or a single promise of office or patronage—public printing or anything else—for its support.



W. H. McDONALD

The above is a picture of W. H. McDonald, who was a candidate for the Republican Nomination for the office of Clerk of the Knox County Court; he came off the track under a misrepresentation or rather a misunderstanding; he is too poor to think of running Union College Dining Room and Light Plant for the money there is in it; he has been called a fool for quitting the track; he is being urged to run the race through; and the above is a snapshot of him while considering the matter; and, it looks as though he will enter the race, if he does he will not loose a minute of time from now until the election is over.

Both The Whitley Republican and its editor have been fighting to make Whitley county politics clean enough, at least, that a buzzard can fly over the county without holding his nose, and to help the fathers of the boys and girls who are to make the county in the years to come to teach them to depend on being worthy and qualified if they hope to win and not to depend on corruption crookedness and the gang for success.

"They are making that same fight still."

They are opposing Little Crit because they know, as everybody else knows, that he is not qualified and that he is not depending on his qualifications for success, but on the support of the gang who degraded and debauched the politics of the county in years gone by.

They are opposing him because they believe, judged by his past life and record, he is morally unfit for so sacred a trust as the high office of Circuit Judge.

And they believe that, associated as he is with and backed by the same gang who in the past have made Whitley county politics a stench in the nostrils of all good citizens we would have a return of those conditions, should he be clothed with the great powers of Circuit Judge.

Come to see us again Corbin Times, and bring your knitting, and stay all day.—Whitley Republican.—Advt.

Before closing we would stop to say to the good people of this county that The Whitley Republican was organized in 1908.

They will remember that when it was organized primary elections in this county were a farce

and a fraud. The machinery of the Republican Party was in the hands of a gang of professional politicians who fattened off of the county and the people.

They called primaries for any old time that suited their plans and purposes and candidates best, sometimes a year ahead, sometimes only a few days.

They appointed election officers to suit their candidates.

They declared men nominated by the people whom the people knew they had not nominated and called men "bolters" who dared to protest against such corruption.

Ballots, which passed through their hands on the way to precincts which they knew were against their pets disappeared and have never, to this day been accounted for. And when a man tried to have their disappearance investigated he was indicted for false swearing and would probably have been sent to the penitentiary had not strong men come to his rescue.

Ballot boxes disappeared from under the very dome of the Court house and were dragged up from the bottom of the Cumberland river years afterward as they dragged for a drowned boy.

"And nobody was ever punished for any of these crimes against the rights of a free people. For the gang controlled the Courts."

Are these things true? Ask yourself that question, Mr. Good Citizen, and see if you cannot recall all, and a dozen times more than we have written.

There isn't a man in this county but knows of some instance of crookedness such as we have mentioned.

The Whitley Republican was organized for no other purpose

Oil Wells In Knox

Esmeldra Co. struck oil in their No. 3 well on the John A. Campbell farm, one-quarter mile south west of Indian Creek Postoffice, at a depth of 404 feet, the sand was found at 399 feet, with a good pressure of gas, which became stronger until pay sand was reached at 404 feet. They drilled 3-feet into the pay, which showed about fifteen barrels on a three hours bailing test, the gas pressure was estimated to be about 25 pounds and would make 30,000 feet per day. As Mr. C. B. Kennedy, Pres. and Supt. of this Company, was not in town. The drillers shut down until he comes in.

The chances are they will have forty or fifty feet of pay sand in that well, as that is about the average thickness of the Jones sand. It looks as though this this would be a good gasoline proposition, which this Company will take advantage of, as they are wide awake and have done much toward the development of this county.

The Southern Oil Company, of Kentucky, are down about 1,450 on the F. D. Sampson lease. They are in the Big Lime nothing showing. On the L. H. Jarvis lease, they have reached a depth of 930 feet. This well will be drilled to the Big Injun sand. On the Fielding Hammons farm, Horn Branch. They have reached a depth of about 500 feet. This well will be drilled to the Big Injun sand also.

Their fourth location has been made on the Charley Bays lease, one-half mile southwest of Cannon postoffice, and they are now rigging up machines preparatory to starting spudding.

The Ohio Oil Company are down about 875 feet on the S. H. Jones lease, near Cannon. This will be a deep test well. In this well they struck salt water at 378 feet with a small show of oil. They had another show of oil at 609 feet, also another showing at 748 feet. The well on the Cole lease, near Cannon, is to a depth of about 280 feet. This

than to fight such corruption as that and to restore to the Republicans of this county the right to select their own officers—a right which the gang had taken away from them and was using for its own selfish ends.

That was the purpose for which it was organized.

That is what it has been doing all these years.

well will probably be drilled in about Saturday. This Company bought Root, Hupp and Duff's holdings in Powell and Estill counties. The properties had on them 69 producing wells, and about 6,000 acres of wild cat territory. They have established offices in Winchester, Ky., which will be their headquarters in Kentucky. They will probably have a branch office in Barbourville, in the near future. Messrs. Paige and Thompson, were in town this week looking after their interest in this section.

The Knox Oil & Gas Co. are down 200 feet on their No. 2 location, at Artemus, Brush Creek section. They have the rigging to pump the No. 1 well, on the Perciful tract, in that section on the ground and will rig it up within a few days and go to pumping.

A Company composed of Richmond, Ky. parties, Steve Jones, Tom Vaughn and Elijah Sanders, are locating and moving a rig to the Geo. Jackson lease on Long Branch, near Cannon, and will start spudding as soon as rigged up.

Stewart and Donald, of Kittwinning, Pa., who have been expecting their machine for some time, have received it at last and are moving to the Evans lease, where they will start spudding as soon as they can get rigged up. —J. C. Main.

Valentine

Yesterday Morning May 31, Mr. Jesse Valentine, who lived on Little Richland Creek was struck and instantly killed by an L. & N. Freight Train. It happened somewhere about the Station of Headrick, on the north side of town and the body was at once taken to the L. & N. Depot, where Mr. Charles R. Mitchell, a grandson of Mr. Valentine, was on duty as agent for the company.

Mr. Valentine was 65 years old, he married Katherine Byrley a daughter of Taylor Byrley who is remembered by most all the older residents of the county. To them was born one child, a daughter, Mrs. A. J. Mitchell, who resides on Knox and Depot streets. Mr. Valentine was on the streets here Wednesday, but did not go home in the evening, and his folks did not know of his death until he was delivered to his grandson at the Station. He was a good honest citizen, one who had no enemies, kind hearted to all, and did no harm to anyone and the greatest harm he ever did was to himself. He was buried in the City Cemetery this afternoon. He leaves a wife and one daughter and many other friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

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